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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES LEGAL OPINION WILL BE ISSUED ON THE DISPUTED “BUBBLE” BALLOTS**

City Attorney Michael Aguirre announced his Office will research and issue a legal opinion related to the disputed ballots in the Mayor's race. Under state law, ballots that contained “write-in” candidate Donna Frye's name were excluded if the bubble was not filled in. The City Attorney's decision to issue an opinion comes after today's recount which turned up an additional 4-thousand disputed ballots for Frye.

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